

A photograph of a wooden walkway with a railing, viewed from a low angle. The walkway is covered in a heavy rain shower, with water droplets visible in the air. The railing is made of dark wood. In the background, there are green trees and a building. The overall mood is serene and refreshing.

# OASIS

The ESA Experience

Summer 2022  
Photo by Graycee Clive, '22

# LEGACIES TO BUILD ON

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This spring we celebrated the lives of Hiram Goza, ESA Headmaster from 1992 to 2004, and Dwight “Bo” Ramsay, one of ESA’s founders and a life-long supporter of the school and its community. Hiram passed away on February 3rd of this year, and Bo on May 19th. Both families held services in the Henton Chapel on the Cade Campus, one of the ESA spaces that the two men worked together to build.

In the late 1970s, Bo, along with other parents and leaders at an overflowing Ascension Day School, led the charge to create an Episcopal high school for Acadiana. Their vision and the actions they took in creating Episcopal School of Acadiana have resulted in an educational experience beyond any they could have imagined.



Hiram oversaw a similar period of growth at ESA, when the Cade Campus community could no longer fit in what is now known as the Old Chapel. Hiram, Bo, and Bo’s late wife Betty worked together on the campaign and the construction of the new Chapel, named for Bishop Willis Henton, another enthusiastic ESA supporter.

In the early 2000s, Hiram steered ESA through another expansion. After forming the Vision & Action committee to assess the feasibility of a lower school program for ESA, he oversaw the development of that program in its initial home on the grounds of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church. Several years later, when expansion was once again necessary, Bo and his wife Jerry and their family supported the creation of ESA’s Lafayette Campus on Kaliste Saloom Road, a move that allowed the school to welcome more students and families and to build a facility and a program with no match in Acadiana.



In the pages of this magazine, you'll find the legacy of the vision and the work that Bo, Hiram, and countless others have contributed to ESA since the school's early days. It's in our most recent graduates, who have taken what they've learned here and have already begun to make a difference beyond the oaks. It's in the teachers who give so much of themselves to ensure that ESA students become scholars who believe they can learn anything and know they can change the world. And it's in our alumni, more than 1,600 graduates who are thriving in their own communities and who are giving back by meeting with current students on Career Day, speaking in Chapel, hosting alumni events, supporting the Bates/Tutwiler Fund, and serving on our Board of Trustees.



Thank you all for believing in Episcopal School of Acadiana and for helping us continue to fulfill and exceed the founders' vision of creating "an Episcopal school with a truly fine academic program, the best in its geographic area... an institution that can draw on the history and the framework of the Christian tradition to help solve problems and better understand life." Areté!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul Baker". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Paul Baker, PhD  
Headmaster





# CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2022!

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Elizabeth Adams  
Rayn Ali  
Francisco Atwi  
Cade Barfield  
Madeline Breaux  
Gase Broussard  
Robert Broussard  
Ayden Brown  
Sydnee Buchanan  
Anil Cacodcar  
Gus Caswell  
Tyler Chen  
Graycee Cline

Caitlin Cotteleer  
Eleanor Cowan  
Ashlyn Do  
James Dolan  
Caymann Dominique  
Coco Forest  
Jessica Gabourel  
Matthew Gary  
Emma Gombos  
Taylor Guillotte  
Ethan Harson  
Clay Hebert  
Valerie Hudson

Joseph Kaufman  
Jack Knox  
Alex Koval  
Cameron Lee  
Piper Leger  
Amelia Leroux  
Stella Levy  
Richard Magann  
Regan Manning  
Ben Mathews  
Addi Miguez  
Randy Moity  
Ali Munshi

Emma Myers  
Felix Osborn  
Dominic Pecoraro  
Remy Sabatier  
Sophia Salvaggio  
Anna Schneider  
Bruno Smith  
Lillian Spoon  
Emily Stephens  
Peyton Stokley  
Adam Whitman  
Tori Wilson  
Lily Wu-Laudun





"The Class of 2022 took up so much space in the best way possible. It's a focused and brilliant group of people, and they kept me laughing all the time. I have really clear memories of their first day back on campus as juniors after a long quarantine. They were so incredibly joyous. They remained an extremely happy and motivated group. They had an innate understanding that learning is an incredible experience."

**GARRETT ROSEN, '97, CLASS DEAN AND  
SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT CHAIR**

**HEADMASTER'S AWARD  
AND  
BISHOP'S MEDAL**

**Anil Cacodcar**

**TOM OLVERSON AWARD**

**Piper Leger**

**FACULTY AWARDS**

**Regan Manning  
Ali Munshi**

**BISHOP AND  
MRS. HENTON AWARD**

**Tori Wilson**

**SHRINER'S PATRIOTISM  
AWARD**

**Caitlin Cotteleer  
Cameron Lee**

**DAR GOOD CITIZEN  
AWARD**

**Ayden Brown**

*For a complete list of senior awards, see the News section of [esacadiana.com](http://esacadiana.com).*

# ESA'S 40TH GRADUATING CLASS

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The members of the Class of 2022 plan to study biology, biochemistry, aerospace engineering, environmental science, marketing, psychology, computer science, materials science, cell and molecular biology, business administration, construction management, film, environmental engineering, international relations, biotechnology, journalism, and government at Brandeis, Case Western Reserve, Columbia, Fordham, Harvard, LSU, Louisiana Tech, Loyola Marymount, Loyola New Orleans, Marist, McGill, Mississippi College, Oglethorpe, Pepperdine, Saint Edward's, Sarah Lawrence, Spelman, Texas A&M, Tulane, University of Denver, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, University of Mississippi, University of New Orleans, University of Oklahoma, University of San Diego, and Wofford.

ESA's seven National Merit Scholars – (left to right) Ali Munshi, Caitlin Cottleer, Matthew Gary, Regan Manning, Anil Cacodcar, Emma Gombos, and Adam Whitman – have all received scholarships through the program, a first for ESA!



# 2021-2022 CUM LAUDE SOCIETY

To be considered for induction into ESA's chapter of the Cum Laude Society, a senior must be in the top 20% of the class, have attended ESA for the last four consecutive semesters and have a cumulative GPA of at least 4.00.

## *Class of 2022 Members*

*Ayden Brown  
Anil Cacodcar  
Tyler Chen  
Caitlin Cotteleer  
Matthew Gary  
Emma Gombos  
Piper Leger  
Regan Manning  
Ali Munshi  
Emily Stephens*

To be considered, a junior must be in the top 10% of the class, have attended ESA for the last four consecutive semesters and have a cumulative GPA of at least 4.20 at the conclusion of the fall semester.

## *Class of 2023 Members*

*Luke Huffman  
Irene Kaiser  
Lilly LaFleur  
Morgan Williams*



Anil Cacodcar has been named a U.S. Presidential Scholar, one of the highest honors awarded to graduating seniors. He is one of only three students in Louisiana to receive this honor in 2022, and one of only 161 across the nation. Two of Anil's classmates, Ali Munshi and Emma Gombos, were selected as candidates for the program, and Emma was named a semifinalist.

The White House Commission on Presidential Scholars selects students based on academic success, essays, school evaluations and transcripts, as well as commitment to public service. Anil received the Bishop's Medal for the highest GPA in the graduating class, and the Headmaster's Award for leadership and contributions to ESA. He has served as President of the Louisiana Youth Advisory Council, a Peer Leader, Captain of the ESA Quiz Bowl team that won the Division II Louisiana State Championship, President of the Honor Council, President of the French Club, Secretary General of Louisiana Youth and Government, and United States Senate Youth Program Delegate. Anil has also received national recognition for videos he created about prisons, climate change, and the importance of voting.

As a Presidential Scholar, Anil was invited to nominate a teacher for honors through the program. His nominee, retired ESA French teacher Madame Diana Maggini, has been named a U.S. Presidential Scholar's program Distinguished Teacher.

*Photo by Danny Izzo, Nouveau Photo*



Closing ceremonies celebrate the transition from one division to another, and for rising sixth grade students, from one campus to another. The awards listed here honor students who embrace the values of ESA, make the most of their time here, engage in their classes, and lead in our community. Find complete lists of lower, middle, and upper school awards in the News section of [ESAcadiana.com](http://ESAcadiana.com).



## CLASS OF 2029



## LOWER SCHOOL CLOSING

### LOWER SCHOOL HEADMASTER'S AWARD

Camille Cromwell (left)  
Clay Cestia (right)

### ST. BARNABAS AWARD

Evy Brennan (center)



# **EIGHTH GRADE CLOSING**

## **VALERIE MARSALIS COX AWARD**

Bird Fuller (right)

## **MARTHA ANNAN COOPER CITIZENSHIP AWARD**

William Schumacher (left)

## **EIGHTH GRADE CITIZENSHIP AWARD**

Avery Liles (center)



# REBUILDING COMMUNITY

When incoming Lower School Head Elizabeth Pham joined the ESA faculty as assistant to kindergarten teacher Sandra Thompson in 2009, the Lower School was still housed at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church. In her first year at ESA, she taught the Class of 2022.

The following fall, the new Lafayette Campus opened and Elizabeth became a kindergarten teacher. For the past 13 years, she has taken on a number of roles at the Lower School, from academic duties to musical assistance.



In 2015, she moved from the classroom to the Learning Center to support students as a Reading Specialist. Three years later, she took over as Director of the Learning Center.

Along the way, Elizabeth has added to her education as well as her experience. In addition to a bachelor's degree in Interpersonal Public Communications from UL Lafayette, she has a certification in Early Childhood Education and an M.Ed. in Gifted Education. She holds certifications as a Reading Specialist, and is in the final stages of earning certification in Educational Leadership. Add to all of that her experiences as the parent of two ESA Lower School students, and it's easy to see why faculty members appreciate the experience and expertise she brings to the role of Lower School Head.

"Having worked in so many positions in the Lower School, I'm excited to bring my experiences to leadership," says Elizabeth. "My knowledge as a parent and a teacher are assets that I can use to support teachers in their professional development and to relate to our families as they make their way through our program."

After living through the restrictions that developed during the pandemic, Elizabeth is looking forward to reestablishing parent-classroom connections in the community. She and her teachers will look for ways to intentionally provide more opportunities for parent participation, and she has plans to invite parents to campus to hear about the Lower School's programs and the philosophies behind them.

*Kathleen O'Shaughnessy, Lower School Head since 2016, is moving into the role of Lower School Admissions Coordinator. She looks forward to welcoming new families to ESA.*



# BY COMING TOGETHER

This fall, Reese Fuller will complete his transition into the role of Chaplain on the Cade Campus. Reese spent the past year as interim Chaplain while continuing with his full-time teaching responsibilities. Over the past 13 years, he has taught eighth-grade English and upper school humanities and advanced placement courses. He also has become a postulant in the Episcopal Church of Western Louisiana, and has begun the discernment process to be ordained.

As Chaplain, Reese will continue to teach, but with a different focus, this time on World Religions. Through a course that explores the five major world religions, Reese's goal is to foster religious literacy so that students understand the commonalities as well as the differences between beliefs and practices. Every eighth grade student will complete the semester-long course.

Education is one of three pillars within a strong spirituality program in an Episcopal school. A second is community service. Reese and math teacher Dr. Laurie Huffman, '86, are working together to strengthen ESA's community service program, which was limited by the constraints of the pandemic.

"Now that the restrictions are being lifted," Reese says, "we're looking at how we can serve both our campus community and the Acadiana community. How can we build on the relationships we have with local organizations and start new relationships with others?"

The third pillar of ESA's Episcopal identity is the Chapel program, and it's where Reese's focus has been for the past year. After spending the entire 2020-2021 school year unable to come together in a shared Chapel space, the ESA community felt disconnected. Last year, Reese worked with students and teachers to begin the process of rebuilding

community through Chapel. "Chapel is so essential to who we are as a community," Reese says. "We have to constantly ask ourselves how can we do it better."

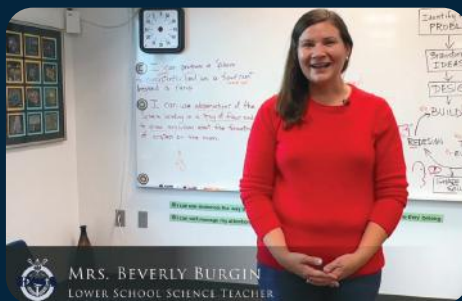
Last fall, Reese introduced the theme of love. He challenged students and teachers to examine where we see God on a daily basis, how love operates in our lives, and how we act upon it. "Within our Episcopal identity is the commandment that we love everybody," Reese explains. "As an Episcopal school, our doors are open to all of God's children, and we are called to love our neighbors as ourselves."



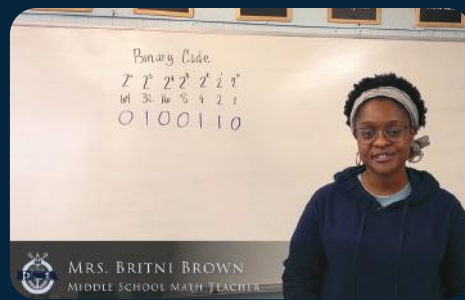
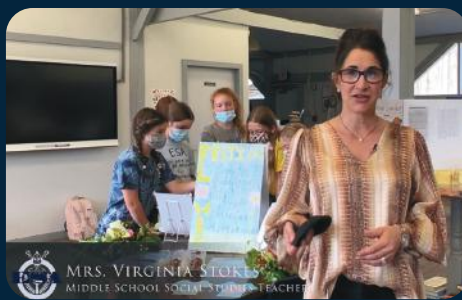


Always wanted to be a fly on the wall in an ESA classroom? Now you can! Our new Fly on the Wall series takes you into lower, middle, and upper school classrooms through minute-long videos featuring ESA teachers explaining learning opportunities. See third-grade science students simulating a crater impacting the moon. Listen as sixth-grade social studies students describe the festivals they designed to celebrate Louisiana history, culture, and industry. Join Spanish students as they explore Colombian language and culture through the movie *Encanto*. Find these and more at [vimeo.com/esacadiana](https://vimeo.com/esacadiana).

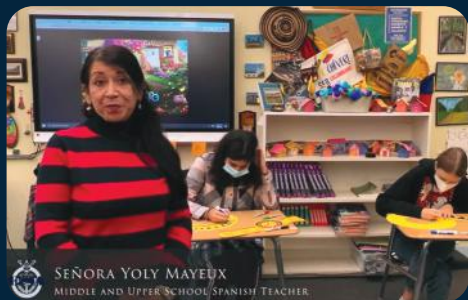
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# FACULTY FAREWELLS

English and social studies teacher Susan Doré is retiring after 27 years at ESA. Susan (below) most recently taught seventh grade English and geography, but over the years she has developed a variety of courses and has helped students as an academic support teacher.

Middle School Head Andrea Hernandez shares, “Susan is family, and so much of ESA has been better because of her. She has made a huge difference in the lives of so many students and teachers. I am grateful to have been able to call her a mentor, colleague, and friend.” Thank you, Mrs. Doré!



This May, we said goodbye to College Counselor and Academic Dean Scott Chrysler (above), who is moving to South Carolina. Arriving at ESA in 1997, Scott expected his primary job to be Dean of Students, with college counseling on the side. Instead, he ended up building a college counseling program that has benefitted hundreds of ESA families, and as academic dean, supporting ESA students and teachers in their daily pursuit of academic excellence.

In a year-end Chapel, Upper School Head Dr. Kat Movassaghi shared, “Scott is one of the best personifiers of ESA’s values. I have always admired and respected his literally fierce protection of academic hours, independent school philosophy, and, most importantly, doing what is best for the student. Coming from a pedigree of independent school education, he has gifted us with a blueprint. We are well known because of the work Scott has done in the college counseling field and the connections he has made. Scott has been a true servant of this school. I’m a better teacher, administrator, ESA guardian, and person for knowing him.”

# CELEBRATING ESA VISUAL ARTS

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Each year, ESA's Visual and Performing Arts Departments give seniors the opportunity to put on professional displays of their work. The Senior Art Exhibition, hosted in the Henton Chapel in Cade in late spring, highlights visual artwork by graduating seniors, including paintings, drawings, ceramics, pottery, glass beadwork, photography, mixed media pieces, and video. A professional artist is invited to serve as juror for the exhibition, and chooses one student whose body of work stands out from the range of talent on display. This year, Karen deClouet, local artist and Visual Arts Committee Chair on the board of The Acadiana Center of the Arts, chose to honor Taylor Guillotte with the Senior Art Exhibition Award. In her independent study, Taylor combined intricately-detailed drawings of architectural structures with personal narratives based on historical research and her own connections to her chosen subjects. For the exhibition, she not only showcased her work, but set up her workspace to bring viewers into her process as well.

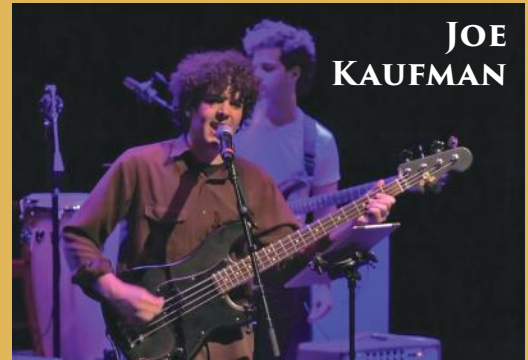
About Taylor's work, deClouet says, "Taylor's installation reveals her studio practice through the display of her architectural drawings, reference books, and the layers of notes and sketches cascading across her drafting table. But what I remember most are the smaller pieces, pinned up as an afterthought, and executed in the familiar compositional formula of social media. Here, Taylor translates a scenario typically captured instantly in pixels to the traditional slow medium of pen and ink. The contrast of the subject matter and medium is a slight mock of her own generation's pop culture. These pieces are unexpected, satirical and delightful. The installation, in its entirety, demonstrates how the time invested into Taylor's practice allowed her genuine voice as a young artist to peep out through moments of play."



# SHOWCASING ESA PERFORMING ARTS

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Seniors in ESA's Performing Arts program begin thinking about their final performances months before they take the stage at the Acadiana Center for the Arts in downtown Lafayette. Each senior is given the chance to choose a selection of songs or a series of theatrical scenes to perform during the two-night showcase. Supported by fellow student and faculty musicians and actors, the seniors perform in the ACA's intimate auditorium for an audience of family members, classmates, teachers, and friends. View their performances at [vimeo.com/esacadiana](https://vimeo.com/esacadiana).



# SWIMMING STATE CHAMPS

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## ESA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP #90!

ESA Girls Swimming took first place in the Division IV State meet in November. Placing in the top ten in individual events: Regan Manning, state champion and school records in the 200 Free and 500 Free; Girls 200 Free Relay and 200 Medley team of Elena Alvarado, Regan Manning, Rory Daigle, and Lucia Weiner, state champions and school records in both races; Elena Alvarado, 100 Breaststroke state champion, and 200 IM runner-up; Rory Daigle, 100 Free, 5th; Jiya Lodha, 200 IM, 5th; Rory Daigle, 100 Backstroke, 6th; Bella Bourque, 100 Butterfly, 7th; and Lucia Weiner, 100 Free, 8th, and 100 Backstroke, 9th. Congratulations, Falcons!





# SIDNEY HEBERT ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

**Ayden Brown (top left)**  
Tennis, Track & Field

**Taylor Guillotte (top right)**  
Cross Country, Soccer

**Ethan Harson (bottom left)**  
Basketball, Soccer, Baseball



**Richard Magann (bottom right)**  
Basketball, Track & Field

## COLLEGE-BOUND ATHLETES

Three members of the Class of 2022 will continue their athletic careers at the college level. Peyton Stokley (left with her ESA teammates) will play volleyball at Southeastern Louisiana University. ESA Volleyball finished second in State this year. Richard Magann will compete in Track & Field for Loyola New Orleans, and Ayden Brown will participate in Track & Field and Cross Country for Loyola Marymount University. ESA Boys and Girls Track & Field placed second at State this spring. Both Ayden and Richard won individual State Championships and set school records. Congratulations!



*Thanks to ESA parent Greg Hernandez for all of the fantastic athletic photos that can be viewed at [esacadiana.smugmug.com](http://esacadiana.smugmug.com)!*



## ALUMNI NOTES

*Thanks to the ESA alumni, noted with \*, who joined us virtually for Career Day 2022!*

### 1991

Dr. Matthew Williams was installed earlier this year as President of Louisiana Orthopaedic Association. Matthew is a shoulder and elbow surgeon with Louisiana Orthopaedic Specialists in Lafayette.

\*Dr. Marcy Mayers Laviage is a clinical psychologist practicing in Houston, and a

strategic partner with Excelerant, a leadership development and human resources consulting company.

### 1992

Carole Braithwaite is Director of Employee Benefits Administration with Luminis Health in Annapolis, Maryland.

A part of our 2022 Homecoming Alumni Panel, Mandi Guillotte Pooler is owner and publisher of Lafayette Town Planner and co-owner of The Corner Grocery in

Loreauville. Mandi has a family full of ESA alumni, including husband Brent Pooler, '92, and sons Everett, '17, and Collin, '20.

\*The Honorable Charlie Fitzgerald is a judge in the Third Circuit Court of Appeal in Lafayette.

### 1993

Chanda Rubin is among the athletes featured in the Museum of the Gulf Coast's exhibit on Olympians from the region. Chanda competed in the Olympics in At-

## CLASS OF 2015 REUNION







## TWENTY YEARS STRONG

In May, *The Advocate* published a story highlighting ESA's 2002 relay team that still holds the record for the fastest 4x400 in the state. Dani Menard, Kady Bourgeois, Leigh Godchaux, and Stacey Young set the Class B record of 4 minutes, 9.81 seconds in the girls 4x400 meter relay, and it has yet to be broken. Find a link to the article on ESA Alumni on Facebook.

lanta in 1996 and in Athens in 2004, and achieved international success as a professional tennis player. After retiring, she founded The Chanda Rubin Foundation to promote tennis and education, and began working as a broadcaster.

\*Dr. Joshua Mammen is the Merle M. Musselman Centennial Professor of Surgery, chief of surgical oncology, and vice chair of academic affairs for the department of surgery at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Prior to taking on the role in Nebraska, he served as chief of the oncologic surgery division and chair of the cancer committee at the University of Kansas Medical Center, and previously as a Clinical Fellow at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. Josh earned a BA in History and Medical Science and an MD from Boston University, and an MBA in Marketing and Management, PhD in Molecular and Cellular Physiology, and Masters in Education from the University of Cincinnati.

### 1994

\*Peter Lagarde is a Chinese and Russian linguist and works as an intelligence analyst for the military and the National Security Agency. He's also the author of *Moonbeams*, a children's book in which a father tells his children a whimsical bedtime story about the adventures of the Man in the Moon and his children.

### 1995

\*Dr. Scott Mayers is a psychiatrist with Oceans Healthcare in Crowley, Louisiana.

### 1997

\*Caleb Doise is an independent software developer in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Ansu Mammen Noronha practices internal medicine in Boston. Last summer, she brought her daughters out to the Cade Campus and met up with Upper School Head and Ansu's former teacher Dr. Kat Movassaghi.

Jerome Moroux received an Undercurrents Award from *The Current*, a nonprofit news organization serving Lafayette and southern Louisiana founded by Christiaan Mader, '02. Jerome was honored for his work in the removal of the statue of Confederate Gen. Alfred Mouton from downtown Lafayette.

### 1998

\*Elliot Scott is a general surgeon with Abbeville General Hospital, and provides services through the Maurice Community Care Clinic and the Erath/Delcambre Community Care Clinic. Elliot received a BA at The University of the South (Seawanee) and an MD from Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans. He completed a General Surgery Residency at Virginia Mason Medical Center and an Endocrine & Metabolic Surgery Fellowship at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. In between college and medical school, Elliot obtained a Juris Doctor-

ate and defended police officers and public entities in civil litigation.

## 1999

Shome Dasgupta has three novels on the way! *Cirrus Stratus*, described as both a love story and a family saga, is available for pre-order and will be released this summer or early in the fall. Another novel will be published later this year, and a third in 2023.

Chris Herrington qualified for and competed in the 2021 Ironman 70.3 World Championships in St. George, Utah. Chris is a gastroenterologist with a practice in Lafayette.

William Ness has started a new position as IT Operations Manager at Tides Medical in Lafayette.

## 2001

\*Danny Bourque is a creative director, motion designer, and animator. A graduate of Trinity University with a BA in Communication, Danny also holds a Master of Fine Arts degree in film production from the University of New Orleans. He began his career as a photo and video journalist with *The Times-Picayune*, then moved into video production, motion design, animation, and digital arts. He currently works as a motion graphics artist for Hasbro, as well as a freelancer for companies in a variety of industries.

David Butts earned the CFA Charter in August, 2021. He is a Certified Public Accountant, and lives in Denver, Colorado, with his wife Allison and their daughter.

Tommy Fertel and his wife Chloe are the owners of Joliene Bakery in San Luis Obispo, California. The bakery was featured in the *Forbes* article, "Incredible Pastries That Are Worth The Detour." They also recently welcomed son Sebastian.

\*Jennifer Mestayer is Managing Director for Hunter, an integrated marketing and PR firm based in New York. After several years in New York, Jennifer recently moved to New Orleans.

Catharine Pyenson is an Associate at Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, a collective of architects, designers, engineers, and planners in New York City. She holds a master of science degree in historic preservation and conservation and a master of architecture degree, both from the University of Michigan, as well as a bachelor of arts degree in art history and mathematics from Wesleyan University. Catharine also studied architecture at L'Ecole des Beaux-Arts de Fontainebleau in France.

Scott Shea, his wife Amanda, and their sons Edward and Matthew welcomed another baby boy, Thomas, in August 2020.

## 2002

\*Lindsay Barnes Arrieta lives in the Washington, DC area, where she works as a Litigation Associate in Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) Investigations and White Collar Defense for Paul Hastings, an international law firm. In 2006, she graduated from NYU's Stern School of Business with a bachelor of science in international business and economics. She earned an MA in Latin American Studies and Latin American Business Environment from the University of Florida in 2012, and in 2015, she

graduated from George Washington University Law School. A bilingual attorney, she focuses on Latin America and Brazil.

Elise LaPointe Kohan is the Co-Chair of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at Bullis School in Potomac, Maryland. She currently teaches fifth-grade language arts, math, and social studies at Bullis, a K-12 college prep school located just outside of Washington, DC. She lives in DC with her husband and two children.

A member of our 2022 Homecoming Alumni Panel, Christiaan Mader is founder and editor of *The Current*, a nonprofit news organization serving south Louisiana. He is married to Lizzy LaPointe, '03, and they are the parents of a son, Nils.

## 2003

Kaira Casey practices international arbitration at Teynier Pic, a small French international arbitration boutique practice. She earned a JD from Georgetown Law and an M2 from Sciences Po, and resides with her two adorable pups in Paris, France.

\*Danielle Hayek McClellan is a registered dietitian. She creates personalized meal plans to help people reach their fitness goals and offers nutrition seminars to groups.

Kyle Prather is a creative development director and an instructor in computer science at Louisiana Tech University. Kyle has a BS in nanosystems engineering and an MS in microsystems engineering from Louisiana Tech, and an MS in industrial engineering from LSU. Kyle and his wife Sarah have two children, Gus, two years,





## CLASS OF 2001 REUNION

## CALLING ALL ESA ALUMNI

If you'd like help planning a class reunion, have news to share, or just want to make sure we have your contact information, reach out to:

Cindy Mayeux  
Director of Parent and Alumni Engagement  
[cmayeux@esacadiana.com](mailto:cmayeux@esacadiana.com)  
(337) 365-1416

and Rosie, three months. Thanks for welcoming ESA students interested in Tech, Kyle!

### 2004

Stephanie LaPointe Wingert is an LMSW working with the Department of Education in New York City. For the past ten years, she has been working with young adults who have fallen behind in school.

### 2006

Landry Carbo was included in *Family Business* magazine's NextGens to Watch Class of 2021. After earning an undergraduate degree in optical engineering from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, and a graduate degree in space engineering from University of Michigan, Landry spent three years in the Middle East as an engineer in the oil industry. He then obtained an MBA at Indiana University at

Bloomington. Landry was asked to join his parents and brother as the managing member of the recently established Pipeline Division of System Services in Scott, La.

Meredith Johnson Flanagan was recently the subject of Hatchlings Publishings' Artist Feature for her poetry. She has been published with Poets Choice and was featured in the anthology *Storealities*. She and her husband Patrick Flanagan recently bought their first home in Austin, Texas, and co-produce the podcast, "Remarkable Voices."

### 2007

\*Dr. Devon Romero is an assistant professor at The University of Texas at San Antonio. She has a Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision from The University of Alabama.

### 2008

Lauren Guillory Bordelon and her husband, The Rev. Michael Bordelon, rector of St. Barnabas Church and a current ESA Trustee, welcomed a son, Henry Joseph, on June 20th.

### 2009

Blair Foster ran her first marathon, a trail race called the Mystery Mountain Marathon, on Oct. 10th, 2021. The course is organized by GUTS in Fort Mountain State Park, Georgia, and has 15,000 feet of elevation change. Blair placed tenth among the women, and credits coaches Becky Madden, Mike Bourgeois, and Brian Rhoades for her success!

Lex Pierre has started a new position as Director of Dentistry for OmniPoint Health, which is located outside of Houston.





## ESA ALUMNI IN NEW ORLEANS

ESA Alumni gathered in March in New Orleans in the home of Jenny Malin Cole, '84, and her husband, Dr. James Cole. Thanks to Jenny and to Daisy Cunningham, '00, for hosting this fun event. Look for more alumni gatherings in the coming year!





## 2010

Brody LeBlanc graduated from UL Lafayette with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology, and obtained a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. After completing a family medicine residency at East Central Mississippi Health Network, he joined Lourdes Physician Group, where he is focusing on preventative medicine.

## 2012

Lynden Burton is hosting a sports radio show, "Rise & Grind," on ESPN Lafayette weekday mornings from 6:00 to 7:00 am.

Stephanie Wartelle is one of the 2021 inductees into The Order of the Barristers at LSU Law School.

A member of our 2022 Homecoming Alumni Panel, Virginia Walker is an artist and interior designer living and working in Houston.

## 2013

Micah Nicholas, a member of ESA's Board of Trustees, recently accepted the newly-created position of CAFÉ's Coordinator. CAFÉ, which stands for Community And Family Engagement, is a partnership between the Lafayette Parish School System, United Way of Acadiana, and the Love Our Schools community initiative. It is designed to build relationships and provide support for nine schools within the parish.

## 2015

Mary Katherine Loos is one of the 2021 inductees into The Order of the Barristers at LSU Law School.

## 2016

Landon Lingle is a financial professional at Equitable Advisors in Dallas, Texas.

\*Herbert Leavitt is a graduate research assistant at the UL Lafayette. He earned a BS from Eckerd College in marine science and environmental studies.

## 2017

Nich Beyer earned a Master of Business Administration degree from The University of Alabama.

## 2018

Brian dela Rosa graduated from the Stern School of Business at New York University in 2022.

Jaylen Nora earned a bachelor of science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from Berry College.

Breigh Rodriguez graduated summa cum laude from LSU with a bachelor's degree in psychology. She is working toward a master's degree in industrial and organizational psychology.

## 2019

Lucas Blanchard, an electrical engineering student in UL Lafayette's Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, received a National Science Foundation Research Experiences for Undergraduates award from Carnegie Mellon University to conduct paid research this summer.

# CLASS OF 2022 LEGACY GRADS

Congratulations to our 2022 legacy graduates and their alumni parents!

**ROBERT BROUSSARD  
SCOTT BROUSSARD, '87**

**VALERIE HUDSON  
CURTIS HUDSON, '84**

**JOE KAUFMAN,  
DR. HENRY KAUFMAN, '89**

**JACK KNOX  
GEORGE KNOX, '83**

**PIPER LEGER  
ROBBY LEGER, '94**

These five graduates bring our total number of legacy graduates to 34, and our total alumni to 1,645!

